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IMMEDIATE ACTION OF YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE EIGHT GREEK PATRIOTS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

During the past few months the Greek monarcho-fascist Government acting under the orders of its American imperialist masters in Washington has stopped up its campaign of bloody terror and brutality against the Greek democrats with the expressed aim of exterminating the best sons and daughters of the Greek people. The American Agency Associated Press recently reported that during the first six months of 1949, 1110 patriots have been condemned to death. In all the large and small towns of Greece, Court Martials are judging and condemning to death innocent men and women. A new Hitler-fascist law "MAKRONISSOS" has been recently passed by the Athens Government providing for the setting up of the so-called Makronissos Reform Schools in which all those people will be incarcerated who are judged dangerous to the security of the state. These "re-education" camps - are in reality concentration camps where democrats are submitted to intolerable physical and moral tortures and can be compared only to the Hitler death camps of Auschwitz and Dachau.

One of the latest acts of the butcher regime of Athens was the death sentences given to 8 Greek patriots, heroes of the resistance against the Hitlerite invaders during the recent world war, by a Military Tribunal on October 15th. The World Federation of Democratic Youth, in the name of 60 million young democrats has sent the following telegram to the President of the U.N.O. General Assembly and the Secretary-General of U.N.O.:-

"WORLD FEDERATION DEMOCRATIC YOUTH DEMANDS IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION GENERAL ASSEMBLY U.N.O. SAVE GREEK PATRIOTS UNJUSTLY CONDEMNED DEATH 15TH OCTOBER BY MONARCHO FASCIST MILITARY TRIBUNAL ATHENS STOP FURTHER FOLLOW: KALAMARA TALIGANI ZYGOS COIMA DIMITRIOS MURADITIS COIMA VANGELIA SARLIZIS COIMA ANTONIOS JOANTILIS COIMA SOCRITIS BRESYAKIS COIMA GUDRYNIOS ILICPULOS COIMA JAKOVOS FADILIS COIMA ANTONIOS STIRILAKIS" = BOYSSON PRESIDENT

This meeting was attended by more than 1,000 leaders and representatives of democratic parties and groups and people's organisations of workers, peasants, artists, writers, educationists, scientists, youth, students and women and national minorities and overseas Chinese.

**BULGARIA:-** On the occasion of October 2nd, the Dimitrov Union of Bulgarian Youth sent to the W.F.D.Y. the following telegram:- "ON THIS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEACE RECEIVE AND FORWARD TO DEMOCRATIC YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WARM AND FIGHTING GREETINGS OF THE DIMITROV UNION OF THE PEOPLES' YOUTH OF BULGARIA. STOP IMPERIALIST PREPARATIONS FOR NEW SLAUGHTERS WILL NOT STOP THE ENTHUSIASM OF WORLD PROGRESSIVE YOUTH TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE SO WELL EXPRESSED AT THE SILENT BUDAPEST CONGRESS STOP THE BULGARIAN YOUTH UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WILL BE ABLE FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE GREAT DIMITROV, TO SAFEGUARD PEACE AND ITS OWN ACHIEVEMENTS STOP LONG LIVE TO THE MIGHTY FRONT OF PEACE AND ITS INVINCIBLE BULWARK USSR STOP DOWN WITH INSTIGATORS OF NEW WARS STOP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, DIMITROV UNION OF BULGARIAN YOUTH"

**GERMANY:-** "Our Fatherland is not an army training-ground for American manoeuvres. This is why we demand the withdrawal of the occupation troops", said one of the main slogans of the Peace Meeting organised by the Free German Youth and which took place in Berlin on September 24th and 25th.

Delegates from the Peoples' Democracies, 5,000 young people from the Soviet zone of occupation, 17,000 members of the F.G.Y. Berlin, 12,000 Pioneers from Berlin and numerous youth delegations from Western Germany participated.

On September 24th a Peace Demonstration took place at which Erich Honecker, President of the Free German Youth reported on the 2nd Congress of the W.F.D.Y.

The Peace Meeting on September 25th expressed the demands of German youth, to recognise at last the rights to a better life for the German people and to enable its peaceful collaboration with other nations. Reconstruction instead of manoeuvres; - Unity of our homeland instead of separate splitter governments; - Withdrawal of occupational troops instead of constant occupation.

**AUSTRIA:-** The Free Austrian Youth decided during its last Secretariat Meeting to mobilise all forces for World Peace Day - October 2nd. The Central Council of the Free Austrian Youth launched an appeal to the Austrian youth which was published in many newspapers.

The Children Organisation "Young Guard" contributed to popularise this Day and to educate the children in the spirit of friendship and peace with the children of other lands.

October 2nd, International Day for Peace, was celebrated as the last Sunday before the General Election of October 9th and even more so against the establishment of an Austrian reactionary army. Youth organisations supported all the activities of the Democratic Women's Organisation of Austria and organised meetings on those lines. In Vienna, in the evening of October 2nd, there were four great firework displays.

**POLAND:-** On the occasion of the opening, on October 2nd, of the term, the Association of Polish Students sent an appeal to all the student youth in which it underlined the special character of this opening on the very day of mobilisation and solidarity of all the peace forces of the world.

"We begin this term with the two following slogans:- "Science for the benefit of the working masses" and "science for the benefit of Peace". "In order to carry them out, we pledge to redouble our efforts in our studies."

**BELGIUM:-** In "Young Belgium" the paper of the People's Youth of Belgium, Bob Wolstijn calls upon the Belgian youth to participate in large numbers in the celebration of the Day of October 15th which will be the International Day for Peace in the

PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY.

**MEXICO:-** The National Executive Committee of the Federation of Mexican Youth which met during the first week of October, decided to celebrate the W.F.D.Y. anniversary on November 10th.

On this occasion, a special number of "Juventud", the CEN's paper will be devoted to the W.F.D.Y. Federation badges will be sold during the day. A meeting will be organised in the capital city in order to popularise the W.F.D.Y., and a reception will be given for the youth leaders of Mexico.

**TUNIS:-** The Union of Tunisian Young Girls (UWFT) is preparing the celebration of November 10th. One of the most important activities is to circulate and to have signed the "Pledge of young girls for Peace". This action which was carried out for the celebration of October 2nd will be carried out until November 10th. The signatures collected for this pledge will be shown on November 10th at small Peace Exhibitions.

The Union of Young Girls is organising for this Day a meeting with the participation of other youth organisations and the Tunisian Committee for Peace and Freedom.

The UWFT is organising, too, for November 10th a conference for students in honour of WORLD YOUTH DAY and the opening of International Students Week.

**W.F.D.Y. WORLD YOUTH DAY MESSAGE:-** A special message on the occasion of World Youth Day is being prepared by the W.F.D.Y. Secretariat and will be sent with the next Weekly Information Service (November 3rd) to all member organisations for wide publicity at meetings and events planned for World Youth Day, in the press, and on the radio.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD CONGRESS OF THE DEFENDERS OF PEACE.

On October 28th, 29th and 30th, the second Plenary Session of the Committee of the World Congress of the Defenders of Peace will take place under the chairmanship of the great scientist Frederic Joliot-Curie who will make an important contribution. Mr. Jean Laffitte, General Secretary of the Committee will present the activity report. At this meeting, the Committee will draw the lessons from the development of the fight for peace since the World Congress, particularly from the success of October 2nd and will determine the new perspectives of unity and action for all defenders of peace.

The W.F.D.Y. will be represented at this meeting by Guy de Boysson, President of the Federation, and Enrico Berlinguer, President of the Alleanza Giovanile. The I.U.S. Secretariat will be represented by Giovanni Berlinguer.

On October 18th the Bureau of the Committee of the World Congress of the Defenders of Peace met in Paris. It endorsed a resolution stating that "the activity of the Yugoslav National Committee for the Defence of Peace is expressed by a propaganda entirely supporting the policy followed by the Yugoslav Government." The resolution declares that the policy carried out by the Yugoslav Government is contrary to the pledges made together by the representatives of the peoples from 72 countries, at the World Congress of the Defenders of Peace.

The Bureau of the World Committee has examined letters and resolutions which have been sent to it by numerous national committees opposing the present Yugoslav Committee, because of the support it is giving to its Government, as the real representative of the movement of the Defenders of Peace in Yugoslavia.

For these reasons, the Bureau of the World Committee has decided that "only Yugoslav representatives giving guarantees of a complete independence towards their

by Cheng Pin, secretary of the Working Committee for Youth of the Chinese Communist Party.

Telegrams of greetings were sent by Chinese youth and students' organizations. "The success of the Congress manifests a further consolidation of international unity among world democratic youth," they said. "It also shows that the plots of American and British warmongers to provoke a new war have met with the unanimous denunciation and firm opposition of world progressive youth."

ITALY:- The "Allianza Giovanile" issued a special bulletin entirely devoted to the IIInd Congress of the W.F.D.Y.

In this bulletin, the Italian W.F.D.Y. Committee which has been set up in order to popularise the W.F.D.Y. in Italy and to maintain a close contact between the Italian youth and the W.F.D.Y., is publishing a number of proposals for the popularisation of the Festival and Congress, linking closely this work to the activities of the peace campaign which is now developing in the country.

The Italian Committee for the W.F.D.Y. specially recommends the wide distribution of the "Pledge for Peace" taken at the Budapest Festival.

"Allianza Giovanile" has issued too, an illustrated pamphlet on the Budapest Festival, and the participation of the Italian youth. This pamphlet contains a part on the New Hungary and its youth.

GREAT BRITAIN:- At the National Committee of the Young Communist League, Bill Brooks, General Secretary of the League, reported back on the results of the Budapest Festival and Congress.

He underlined that the British youth must work in the coming period for the achievement of the following tasks:-

- Popularisation of the results of the Budapest Festival and Congress.
- Support the activities of the British Peace Committee, especially the preparation for the Peace Congress in Great Britain which will take place in October.
- Preparation and celebration of World Youth Day and International Students Day.
- Full support to the Youth Parliament in Britain which will take place early in 1950.
- Wide distribution of the pamphlet concerning the Budapest Festival which will be issued by the International Youth Council in Britain.

#### YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

BULGARIA:- A seven-member delegation from China headed by General Hsiao Hua arrived at Sofia on morning of September 26th, according to the Sofia Radio. The delegation will be the guest of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria and the Central Committee of Dimitrov Youth Union. General Hsiao Hua declared upon his arrival that the delegation has brought a special message from Chairman Mao Tze-tung, the Chinese people's leader, in order to lay wreaths at Dimitrov Mausoleum on behalf of the Communist Party of China and the People's Liberation Army. Dimitrov's name and work, General Hsiao Hua said, are known to every Communist and every worker. "We have come to Bulgaria", he added, "to learn its socialist construction."

FINLAND:- The Finnish Democratic Youth League has sent a letter to the General Secretary of U.N.C. protesting against the death sentence pronounced by the Greek monarcho-fascist tribunal against Catherine Tsalaganiou. It has also sent a protest to the Athens Government.

ENGLAND:- Fifty-four delegates attended the first Area Youth Conference of No. 26 Area of the Electrical Trade Union in London last weekend, which was prepared for the first National E.T.U. Youth Conference taking place on 19th.

AUSTRALIA:- The W.F.D.Y. Secretariat sent the following telegram to the Youth Action Peace Congress which took place in Melbourne, Australia recently:-

"WORLDST GREETINGS YOUTH ACTION PEACE CONGRESS DEMONSTRATING DETERMINATION DEMOCRATIC YOUTH AUSTRALIA UNITED IN STRUGGLE AGAINST INTERVENTIONS OF IMPERIALISTS BRITAIN AND AMERICA AND THEIR AGENTS FOR THEY WOULD NOT STOP YOUTH UNITED FORCED FOR LASTING PEACE" = SOCIALIST WEEKLY.

INDIA. - INDIAN YOUTH LEADERS FOR ALL INDIA PEACE CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER:- Convened by the All India Trade Union Congress, an All India Peace Conference will be held in Calcutta on November 24 - 27. A Preparatory Committee has already been set up by the National Peace Convention held in Bombay in September last. The All India Students Federation and other member organisations of the W.F.D.Y. are rallying the youth in support of the Conference and have asked for messages to be sent from youth organisations in other countries for this important Congress. These messages should be sent c/o All India Students Federation, 350 Lamington Road, Bombay 7, India - telegraphic address: Student, Bombay, India.

SWITZERLAND:- The Free Youth of Switzerland has called upon all youth organisations in the country proposing to them a discussion in order to launch a common appeal to the International Committee of the Red Cross asking it to undertake an action for the banning of the atom bomb and for a general reduction of armaments.

AFTER THE FESTIVAL AND CONGRESS.

ITALY - II<sup>ND</sup> CONGRESS OF THE ITALIAN GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR (CGIL):- The II<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the CGIL was held in Geneva. Freccuzzi, responsible for the Youth Commission of the CGIL spoke on the conditions of the Italian youth, its fight for the defence of peace and labour rights. He said: "Out of 5,117,000 workers, members of the CGIL, 1,397,082 are young workers. The youth have always been in the forefront of any movement and demand. The CGIL launched many actions for the defence of young workers and now the draft law concerning regulations on apprenticeship is being discussed in Parliament, which was presented by the Trade Union leaders, Di Vittorio and Santi." At the closing ceremony of the Congress, in the name of all the youth delegates, a delegation of young workers took again the Pledge made by the Festival delegates at Budapest.

DENMARK - THE U.S. EMBASSY ASKED FOR THE NAMES OF DANISH PARTICIPANTS AT THE BUDAPEST FESTIVAL:- The W.F.D.Y. has been informed that the cultural attache of the U.S. Embassy in Denmark, Mr. Williams G. Roll, recently asked the International Committee of Danish Students for a list of the names of young Danes who participated in the Budapest Festival.

The General Secretary of the International Committee of Danish Students refused to meet the curiosity of this Attache, though the leaders of this organisation decided, during a "confidential" meeting, not to let the public know about this strange request.

This is not the first time that the U.S. Embassy in Denmark "is interested" in youth questions for already last year, U.S. authorities in England received from the Danish police the names of the Danish youth who participated in a reconstruction brigade which had just returned from Eastern Europe. A few months ago, two of the young people mentioned on the list had their visa to go into British territory refused.

MEXICO:- "Juventud" the paper of the Federation of the Mexican Youth issued on October 10th a special supplement containing the II<sup>nd</sup> W.F.D.Y. Congress Manifesto.

The CJM issued a special bulletin with the Manifesto and resolutions of the Congress for the leadership of the CJM and basic organisations and asks them to study its content, to print it and to distribute it widely, to discuss it in meetings and public assemblies, to approve the resolutions, and to inform the W.F.D.Y. about resolutions voted in these assemblies.

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President, William Rust, British Vice-President, and Bernard Bereanu (Rumania) are visiting the student organisations in the Scandinavian countries.

**CUBA - POWERFUL MOBILISATION:-** The Socialist Youth of Cuba has directed all its forces to the struggle against the \$ 200 million dollar loan which the Cuban government wants to get from the yankee imperialist circles, and which would mean handing over the country, even further, into the hands of the trusts and monopolies of the U.S.

Carrying signs and flags and under the slogans of "Down with the Foreign Loan!" and "For the Cuban Plan against the Crisis!" the young workers marched through the most important streets of Havana. The police dissolved this peaceful activity with the most violent methods and arrested Bienvenido Suarez, leader of the Youth Commission of the Confederation of Cuban Workers (C.T.C.) and Jose M. Arencibia, a youth leader.

The struggle of the Cuban youth against this loan increases from day to day and unites all the youth in their common action.

**MEXICO:-** On the evening of September 15th, the Communist Youth of Mexico burned numerous flags of Fascist Spain at the Plaza Zocalo, located in front of the Presidential Palace. These banners and flags had been captured by these young people from buildings and automobiles. The youth gathered around the fire expressed their opposition to the criminal regime of Franco and its solidarity with the Spanish youth and people.

**RUMANIA:-** A delegation of the Chinese Democratic Youth, led by General Hsiao Hua, has been visiting Rumania for some weeks. On October 14th, on the eve of the departure of this delegation, a great youth gathering took place in Bucharest.

After having expressed the strong impression made by the things seen in the Rumanian People's Republic, General Hsiao Hua described the heroic struggle of the Chinese youth within the ranks of the People's Liberation Army as well as the important contribution it is making to the building of the liberated areas.

At the end of his speech, General Hsiao Hua said:- "The youth of the Chinese People's Republic, strongly united with the youth of the Rumanian People's Republic under the direction of the Soviet Union and Comrade Stalin, is fighting for a lasting and just peace in the world for the cause of socialism. A packed audience greeted enthusiastically the victories of the Chinese people and cheered with great applause the Soviet Union and the great friend of world youth, the great Stalin.

The meeting ended enthusiastically with the whole audience singing the hymn of the World Federation of Democratic Youth.



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WORLD YOUTH DAY - NOVEMBER 10th.

November 10th, International Day of the Democratic Youth will be celebrated this year by millions of young people throughout the world. In a letter addressed to the member organisations of the W.F.D.Y., the Secretariat points out that "World Youth Day", November 10th will be a new occasion for our organisations to manifest the loyalty of youth for the cause of peace, to strengthen and widen still more the unity of youth in the fight against war.... The II<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the World Federation of Democratic Youth approved the celebration of this Day as a great traditional festivity for the youth united in the Federation. Member organisations have demonstrated already during the International Day of Struggle for Peace of October 2nd, the determination of the youth throughout the world to fight against the warmongers. All activities for peace launched in the various countries must be intensified on the occasion of World Youth Day which should culminate in powerful demonstrations of the youth of the world."

The Secretariat has asked the member organisations of the W.F.D.Y. in preparation for November 10th, to continue to popularise the reports of the delegates who were in Budapest for the Festival and Congress, which called on the young generation to fight against the preparations for a new war and to support the proposals made at the United Nations Assembly for peace. Organisations are also asked to co-operate in the success of International Students' Week which will take place from November 10th-17th and which will culminate in International Students Day on November 17th.

Information has been received already about the preparations in a number of countries for the celebration of November 10th.



ITALY:- Preparations for International Youth Day are marked in Italy by an intensification of the campaign to win the support of the Italian youth who are members of Catholic Action.

Enrico Berlinguer, President of the Youth Alliance, put those 3 questions to young Catholics:- "Do you agree with the banning of the atom bomb and the destruction of bombs already made?" - "Do you agree with the establishment of a Peace Pact between the Great Powers?" - "Do you agree to conduct a campaign in order to have Italy withdraw from the Atlantic Pact?"

These questions will be put to the Catholic Action youth many times during conferences, meetings, in papers, linking them with the preparation for November 10th.

For November 10th big demonstrations in the main Italian towns and localities are being planned.

HOLLAND:- A large meeting is being organised in Amsterdam to which the W.F.D.Y. has been invited to send a representative.

**YOUTH ACTIVELY DEFEND PEACE.**

U.S.S.R. - AFTER THE MOSCOW PEACE CONFERENCE:- The Committee of the Defenders of Peace, elected during this Conference, is busy with the popularisation of the tasks outlined in the final resolution. The Committee includes:- The President, Tikhonov, writer; MM. Grekov, academician; Korneitchouk, writer; Mrs. Erchova; MM. Vavilov, President of the Academy of Sciences; Fadeyev, writer; Mikhailov, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth; Simonov, writer; Saurkov, poet; Guerassimov, scenario writer.

GREAT BRITAIN - YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE BRITISH PEACE CONGRESS:- The British youth will be represented at the British Congress of the Defenders of Peace which opens on October 22nd by a delegation of 250 strong.

In order to prepare this participation, a campaign of meetings and reports back from the Budapest Festival is being carried out with the participation of 600 young British boys and girls who represented their country in the Hungarian capital city.

FRANCE:- The French youth demonstrated strongly this week their hostility against the establishment of the Government of Jules Moch. It is known that the pressure of the people frustrated the plans which were made. Thus on October 13th in particular, millions of workers from all organisations went on strike at 3 p.m. to demonstrate their determination to see the constitution of a Government of Democratic Unity.

The vote for peace is continuing. It will be over this week and will have enabled millions of French people to demonstrate their desire for peace. At Sorgues, in the Vaucluse Department, the youth of the Union of Republican Youth of France (URF) collected 1,400 votes, and nearly all the population voted. Similarly in the village of Beaune, 600 votes were collected by the youth.

In many regions the URF and the Catholic youth collected together the votes, for example in the Lot and Lot-et-Garonne.

At Montreuil, near Paris, the Secretary of the Christian Youth was arrested together with members of the URF while they were collecting votes at the door of a factory.

CUBA - CREATION OF A CUBAN YOUTH COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF PEACE:- The delegates representing various youth organisations in the National Congress of the Defenders of Peace in Cuba decided to set up a "Youth Committee for Peace and Democracy". They launched an appeal to the youth of all opinions.

**ARGENTINE:-** On October 2nd, young boys and girls all over Argentina, walked through the streets of the different cities explaining to all the youth and to the people the meaning of the International Day of Peace. Thousands of leaflets and posters were distributed and placed in the most central spots of the cities. Different manifestations were organised in which the youth expressed their determination to fight for Peace and against the warmongers. In the Province of Santa Fé, the police prohibited the activity that had been organised for that date. In answer the youth organised different talks and festivities and even improvised certain manifestations. In spite of the persecution and the imprisonment of members of their groups, the Argentine youth celebrated with honour the International Day of Peace.

**BELGIUM:-** A National Peace Congress was held in Belgium October 14th-16th. At the closing ceremony of the Congress, a packed and enthusiastic audience received the greetings from representatives of the World Federation of Trade Unions, the Women's International Democratic Federation, the World Federation of Democratic Youth, and other international personalities. Kutty Hookham, W.F.D.Y. Secretary, brought greetings in the name of the W.F.D.Y.

The groups of the People's Youth of Belgium formed an outstanding section of the parade which marched through the streets of Brussels before the closing ceremony. 300 Dutch youth from Amsterdam, Haarlem, Rotterdam, The Hague, and other cities came for the closing day of the Congress in order to express with the Belgian people the will of the Dutch youth for peace.

**INDIA:-** Responding to the Call of the All-India Trade Union Congress, October 2nd was celebrated widely all over India by mass rallies, processions, demonstrations in spite of arrests, raids on offices, and seizure of handbills. In these demonstrations young workers and students took an active part. October 2nd was the beginning of the preparations for Provincial Peace Conferences and for the All-India Peace Conference which will be held in Calcutta in the middle of November.

**SYRIA:-** In Syria, a wave of terror was launched against the Defenders of Peace following a peace demonstration which took place on October 7th in the Syrian capital. Hundreds of men and women, many of them young workers and students, took part in this demonstration. Numerous arrests were made including the Secretary of the League of Syrian Women for the Protection of Mothers and Children, MELLE QUSAL FARHA; ABDULAKARIM MOHALAMI, Secretary of the organisation of Syrian Youth for the Defence of Peace, and Dr. NASSOUH GHAFARI, member of the Administrative Committee of the Organisation of Democratic Syrian Jurists. The W.F.D.Y. Secretariat has sent a telegram to Mr. Hashem al-Alassi, Syrian Prime Minister "protesting vigorously against these arrests and acts of terror against young workers and students, and calling for their immediate release, restoration of civil liberties, and punishment of all persons responsible for arrests and torture young Syrian democrats."

**W.F.D.Y. GREETINGS FOR THE NEW DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICS IN CHINA AND GERMANY.**

On the historic occasions of the formation of the Chinese and German Democratic Republics the W.F.D.Y. has addressed telegrams of congratulations to the Chinese and German democratic youth organisations.

The telegram to the Chinese Democratic Youth Federation says:-

"WARM GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORMATION OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT LED BY MAO TSE TUNG, RESULTING FROM THE HISTORIC VICTORY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE OVER THE FASCIST CLIQUE OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK ACTING ON THE ORDERS OF THE IMPERIALISTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN STOP WISH FULL SUCCESS YOUNG GENERATION AND PEOPLE OF CHINA IN THE BUILDING OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC AND FREE CHINA STOP"

The telegram from the W.F.D.Y. addressed to the Free German Youth on the occasion of the formation of the German Democratic Republic reads as follows:-

"WARM GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORMATION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PRESIDED BY WILHELM PIECK STOP WISH FULL SUCCESS TO THE FREE GERMAN YOUTH AND TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING OF A NEW DEMOCRATIC AND UNITED GERMANY AND IN THE STRUGGLE ON THE SIDE OF ALL THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW WORLD WAR STOP"

**AFTER THE FESTIVAL AND CONGRESS.**

**U.S.S.R. - THE PLENUM OF THE ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE OF SOVIET YOUTH:-** The Plenum of the Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Youth was held at the end of September. The Plenum discussed the report of V.I. Kochemassov, on the results of the Second Congress of the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the World Festival of Youth and Students.

In the course of the discussion the speakers pointed out that the Second Congress of the W.F.D.Y. and the World Festival of Youth and Students have been the most outstanding events in the history of the world democratic youth movement. The Congress and the Festival have demonstrated the tremendous growth of the unity of the democratic youth, its determination to defend steadily the cause of peace and to fight against Anglo-American warmongers.

The Second W.F.D.Y. Congress defined further tasks of democratic youth in the struggle for peace, democracy, national independence of nations and a better future.

Preceding the Second W.F.D.Y. Congress, the World Festival of Youth and Students organised by the Federation and the I.U.S. resulted in an enthusiastic demonstration of youth in defence of peace, and was the greatest event in the cultural life of nations. The Festival showed the supremacy of the advanced Socialist culture of the peoples of the U.S.S.R. over the decaying and degenerating culture of the capitalist world, boundless possibilities created for many-sided mental and physical development of the youth in the U.S.S.R.

The Congress and the Festival demonstrated the most profound love of the democratic youth for the great Stalin and the Soviet Union marching at the head of the world front in struggle for peace, and democracy.

The Plenum of the Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Youth approved the decisions of the Second WFDY Congress, and adopted a comprehensive decision on the question under discussion.

The Plenum also considered organisational questions. It elected Comrade V.I. Kochemassov as chairman of the Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Youth.

**POLAND:-** After the World Youth Festival and the IInd World Youth Congress, many meetings have been held throughout the whole of Poland in which thousands of Polish youth have participated. The Festival participants, the Congress delegates, and foreign delegates from Finland, Canada, Argentine, Australia, the United States, Cuba and Malaya have spoken at these meetings. The reports of the Festival and Congress were received enthusiastically and these meetings showed that the Polish youth approve entirely the work of the W.F.D.Y. and the decisions of the IInd World Youth Congress. In these meetings the Polish youth once more declared their determination to fight with the democratic youth of the whole world for a lasting peace, democracy, national independence of the peoples, and for a better future.

**FRANCE:-** In an article written in the September-October issue of the Youth Bulletin of the General Confederation of Labour (CGT) the writer points out the important contribution which the WFDY and the democratic youth organisations have made to strengthening the peace camp. "Together with the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies, the World Federation of Trade Unions, the Women's International Democratic Federation, the W.F.D.Y. is a great force for peace. That is why the Festivals of Prague, Budapest, the International Day of Struggle Against Colonialism and World Youth Week which are celebrated each year have been so successful. Their preparation is of considerable importance which should not be overlooked."

our youth sections of the trade unions." Writing about the Congress appeal to its member organisations to strengthen their fight for the demands of youth, the article points out that this can be undertaken only through co-operation with the W.F.T.U. and the central trade union organisations, and the important role which the trade unions have in defending the rights of youth. The article stresses the importance of the unity of youth and states that "it depends on our action to develop the unity of youth in the daily struggle for our demands and for peace". In conclusion the article poses the three principal tasks which the Congress has placed before the youth of France:-

1. to fight for peace, to strengthen the campaign to stop the war in Viet-Nam.
2. to fight for a better life, for a job and a profession.
3. to work to achieve a large unity of youth under the flag of the W.F.D.Y.

AUSTRIA - "THEY WERE IN THE SOCIALIST YOUTH":- The following letter, written by a young Austrian socialist, was published in a recent issue of "Jugend Voran", the publication of the Free Austrian Youth:-

"I was expelled from the Socialist Youth! I am sure you all want to know the reason for this. Well, I am pleased to tell you. When in the summer some friends of the Free Austrian Youth asked me whether I wouldn't like to come along to Budapest, I agreed with pleasure for I am very interested in getting to know how things look behind the legendary "Iron Curtain". All my friends from the Socialist Youth and many old socialists welcomed my decision and asked me to have a good look round to see as to what the living conditions of the workers are like. Well, I had a good look, spoke with many workers, and to put it briefly, I am enthusiastic.

When we came home again, I signed with the fullest conviction the resolution which we, the young socialists who were in Budapest, sent to the Central Committee of the Party and in which we objected to the propaganda against the People's Democracies. I became ill shortly after my return, but when I was well again, I wanted to report at one of our meetings on my impressions and experiences. When however, I wanted to go into our centre, I was informed by our group leader that upon the instructions of the Central Committee all Young Socialists who were in Budapest had been expelled from the organisation. He didn't by any chance tell me this in front of the assembled members, but when we were alone so that no-one would get to know the reason. But I shall make it known and I shall tell about the "democrats" who want to avoid the truth being made known. I shall tell everybody the truth about Hungary." Herbert Widmann, Korneuburg."

CANADA:- The leader of the Canadian delegation to the World Youth Congress, Norman Penner, is now making a National tour across Canada speaking about the important results of the Festival and the Congress. Other members of the Canadian delegation are also speaking at meetings of youth groups. Other Canadians returning from the Festival and Congress have also had all their books, documents, letters and photos confiscated by Canadian customs officials. Some of the artists who participated in the Canadian concert in Budapest suffered similar treatment to that accorded to Norman Penner which we reported in last week's Information Service. Resolutions of protest have been passed at public meetings in some Canadian cities. In reply to the request of the National Federation of Labour Youth for the immediate return of the material of Norman Penner, a representative of the Ministry of National Revenue, stated that the materials are being examined under tariff item 1201 which covers "books, printed matter, drawings, paintings, prints, photos or representations of any kind of a treasonable or seditious, or of an immoral or indecent character." The representative stated that the Department is unable to comply with the request to return the material without a thorough examination.

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U.S. DELEGATION IN SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES:- At the present moment, an U.S. delegation which includes Josef Johnson, President, Hal Halman, American Vice-

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Rumanian Government, leaders of the Rumanian Working Peoples' Party and of the Central Committee of the Union of Working Youth, were present. Georges Florescu, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Union of Working Youth, warmly greeted the Rumanian pioneers and showed the progress achieved in Rumania by the pioneers' movement. "You should, stated the speaker, endeavour to become worthy fighting comrades of the Soviet pioneers."

Among great cheers, Zinaida Fedorova, Komsomol representative, gave to the Rumanian pioneers a flag on behalf of Soviet pioneers. The pioneer, Dimitru Dunga, taking the flag, said:- "We pledge to honour this flag and to fight with it for peace and a better future." With great enthusiasm, the assembly of pioneers sent a letter to General Stalin.

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